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May 11, 1948.

Mr. A. C. Hermanson, Buyer
Purchasing Division,
Crane Co.,
4100 So. Kedzie Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Your letter of Feb. 25, 1948
to Mr. E. J. Tiefert and ours
of Feb. 6 and March 16, 1948

Dear Mr. Hermanson:

Subject: #20 Crumcup Sink Strainer

Since writing you last, we have been working with Mr. J. O. Lange, Engineer of Patents, relative to a possible infringement existing between our No. 20 Basket Sink Strainer construction and the Schaible Patent No. 2,278,566.

Our patent attorney, Lee J. Gary, Chicago, has made a very thorough study of the Schaible patent, its file history and the references cited by the Patent Office during the prosecution of the application which resulted in the Schaible patent. In addition, he has given consideration to other pertinent prior art and as a result of his study has advised us that our construction does not infringe.

Mr. Gary's opinion has been forwarded to Mr. Lange who in turn suggests that we so advise the Crane Co. Purchasing Department. It is our understanding that some purchases of this item have been withheld, pending the question of patent infringement.

Upon the advice of our attorney we feel justified in agreeing to defend Crane Co. at our cost and expense in any suit brought against your Company where such suit claims that the construction of our No. 20 Basket Sink Strainer infringes the Schaible patent.

We trust that the foregoing will entirely meet with your approval and that we may be favored with your continued orders for our No. 20 Strainer.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Frost/VL

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President